BARS Billerica Amateur Radio Society

NEWS FOR AND BY BARS MEMBERS

AUGUST 2026

The August meeting will be via Zoom only.

A Message from the President

By Doug Bruce, N1WRN

Greetings, Fellow Members,

I hope that everyone is having a good summer. The weather we have been having has been quite good, although we do need some rain to green up the lawns and plants.

Ham radio wise, I want to remind everyone that Wayne Geisler, KC1ONM, will be leading a Dxpedition of sorts on Saturday, August 15, at the Nantucket Lightship in Boston Harbor. Wayne and three other members activated the Lightship on June 6 and made a good number of contacts from the ship during Lighthouse Museum Weekend. I am sure Wayne would love to get as many BARS members as possible to join him for this unique activation opportunity.

On another note, we here at the Club are taking a long hard look at our present Field Day format. It was disappointing to have only 7 members show up this year, as opposed to 30 the year before. Tim, K1DC, has sent out an informal survey to the membership asking what everyone wants from Field Day, so that we can get the numbers up next year and the years following. I know that there are other life priorities, especially during the summer, but Field Day is ham radio's open house, so we want as many members attending and participating as possible. Tim and the Board will be having candid discussions soon in order to identify what went wrong this year and to make the necessary adjustments for next year.

Under discussion:

- Do the members want a scaled back Field Day?
- Would the members prefer not to have it at a members house?
- What operating modes do the members prefer?

These and other questions need to be answered for next year. We want to get the numbers at least back to 2025 levels and more next year. Please take the time to answer Tim's survey so we here in the Club Leadership can get a clear picture of what everyone wants, or does not want, for next year.

As a reminder, the August club meeting will be remote only again. We will return to in-person meetings for the September 2nd Club meeting. Be looking around your shack for items that you would like to donate to the Club or sell, and bring them to the September meeting for our mini flea market before the meeting. I want to thank those who have been generous in this event thus far. I am sure the members who attend like the flea market, especially the free items that members have been bringing.

The Board will also be discussing ways to bolster attendance at the in-person meetings. Bruce, W1LUS, has been bringing coffee and donuts, which seem to be a hit with attendees. Feel free to email me or members of the Board of Directors with any ideas that you have that will make meeting nights more enjoyable for everyone.

Lastly, Club Elections are just around the corner in November, so please be thinking of running for any of the offices of the Club. As many of you know, I will be stepping down as President as of the November meeting.

Being an officer of the Club has been very rewarding for me. I especially like finding guest speakers for meeting night. Please also feel free to drop me an email if there is a particular subject that you would like to see a presentation on and I will do my best to accommodate your request.

As always, we are a G.O.T.A. Club, so get on the air and have some fun in your favorite mode! Those microphones are not going to key themselves!

Until next month, 73 and good DX,
Doug
N1WRN

Next BARS meeting: August 5 at 7:00 PM – "What's New in Radiosport"

Speaker: Bart Jahnke, W9JJ

It gives me great pleasure to announce that our Guest Speaker for the August 5 Club Meeting will be Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, who is the ARRL Radiosport and Field Services Manager. Bart will give us updates on what's new in Radiosport at the ARRL. I am sure you won't want to miss Bart's presentation! Looking forward to "seeing" everyone for this very special presentation.

Headquarters veteran Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, has been appointed as ARRL Radiosport and Field Services Manager. Jahnke, who has served as ARRL Contest Branch Manager for the past 3 years, succeeds Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, who was recently promoted to Director of Operations at ARRL Headquarters.

"This new role now offers me the exciting opportunity not only to be on the front lines of our Radiosport community, but our international/DX and domestic Radiosport operating and awards activities," Jahnke said. "Having worked closely with tens of thousands of our Volunteer Examiners in my prior Headquarters tour, I'm able to re-engage with many of them now in our Field Services program."

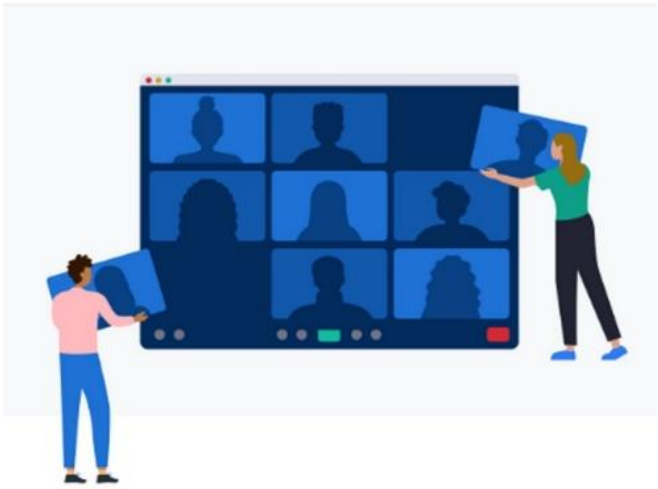
With respect to Radiosport, Jahnke pointed out that contesting activity not only defends Amateur Radio allocations but builds a pool of operators and expands their skills in providing communication in times of emergency or disaster. Jahnke said contesters, DXers, traffic handlers, and everyday users of the amateur bands know what to expect in terms of propagation at different times of day and year and can apply that knowledge in establishing disaster communication.

As Radiosport and Field Services Manager, Jahnke will oversee the Radiosport and Field Services staff in managing awards, contests, and Logbook of The World (LoTW), as well as issues involving the ARRL Field Organization on Section, club, and current volunteer monitoring and emergency services issues.

Before returning to ARRL Headquarters in 2016, Jahnke was in the private sector for about a decade, working in the emergency medical services, customer service, long-term care manufacturing sales and support, and information technology fields in the Midwest and on the East Coast.

Jahnke first joined the ARRL Headquarters staff in 1985, starting as editor of the ARRL Repeater Directory and as a Membership Services Representative, handling matters related to FCC rules. For the next 3 years, he also assisted with ARRL Award processing (except DXCC) and later trained incoming Awards Managers.

In 1989, he became the manager of the ARRL Volunteer Examining (VEC) Program, a position he held for 16 years.



We will announce the link to join the Zoom meeting before the meeting, but it will be posted to the BARS email list and should not be shared outside our Club. Are you on the email list? If not, please send an email to

bars-subscribe@w1hh.org

and then simply reply to the robot response from the server and you will be subscribed.

Observing our Zoom meeting requires only a web browser and headphones/speakers. You do not need a webcam or microphone unless you want to speak or be seen.

Before our meeting date, please go to https://zoom.us/test and see if it will function for you. If you have problems, we can try to assist – feel free to ask questions on the BARS email list.

I am looking forward to "seeing" many of you there on Wednesday, 8/5, at 1900.

Doug, N1WRN
President, Billerica Amateur Radio Society

Feature Article: Nantucket Lightship Activation

By Wayne Geiser, KC1ONM

We had a great activation of the Nantucket Lightship (LV-112) for Museum Ships Weekend, Saturday, June 6th. According to the old logs I got from the last trustee of the Nantucket Lightship Amateur Radio Club, we made more contacts than any other previous single day. So, we're going to do it again.

If you would like to join us aboard ship and operate from her radio room, let me know. Details: Saturday, August 15th, from 10 am to 4 pm. LV-112 is permanently docked on Boston Harbor in East Boston.

To keep up-to-date about this, and future activations, join the email list (QR code will take you to the page to sign up) or send me an email at kc1onm@arrl.net.

Sign up for our mailing list to get news about upcoming activations and events.

tinyurl.com/4cb6tkuw

Cheers & 73,
Wayne, KC1ONM (http://www.w1nls.com)

Feature Article: Field Day Results

By Tim, K1DC

Fellow BARSians,

The 2026 Field Day is in the books! I would like to thank those folks that participated either on-site or combined with club operations. Below is a summary report from our Field Day event. The full report was sent via the BARS email reflector on July 8th. Any omissions are the result of caffeine deprivation on my part and are not intentional.

Call Used:	W1HH		
Entry Class:	2A		
Participants:	20		
Operators (5):	K1DC, N1WRN, KC1OWN, W2BPL, and KC1WUV		
Power Source:	Gas Generator		
Power Multiplier:	2 (100W max PO)		
Claimed Bonus Points:	**1050**		
QSO Totals by band & mode:	40M CW:	10	20
	40M SSB:	12	12
	20M CW:	10	20
	20M SSB:	133	133
	15M CW:	21	42
Total QSO Points		**186**	**227**
Claimed QSO score	**454**		
Total Score	**1504**		

Of course, the biggest "Thank You" goes to Nan/NK1A for generously allowing us to invade her home QTH for the event (and providing some very tasty food!).

Questions and comments are invited!

73,
Tim/K1DC
2026 BARS Field Day Amoeba Wrestler

Announcements

EchoLink is now available for the BARS net
For the weekly W1HH net, EchoLink can be used by connecting to W1MRA-R. The W1DC repeater will be linked to the W1MRA/HUB1 system in Marlboro during this time.

With the recent upgrade to the interface for the Minuteman Repeater Association HUB1 system, multiple connections can be made. Other repeaters that are normally linked to HUB1 will also be part of the net. A map of those repeaters can be found at MMRA Linking Info. If you are an MMRA member, you can link 147.120 to HUB1 to use EchoLink at other times.

--de Bruce Pigott, KC1US

USA 250 Semiquincentennial Special Operating Event
Dear Massachusetts Hams,

I am reaching out to you, would like to be part of the 2026 ARRL Celebration of the USA 250 Semiquincentennial Special Operating Event. This is part of the Year of the Club and the 100th Anniversary of the ARRL Field Organization along with a year-long Worked All States (WAS-250).

I am the state manager for Massachusetts.

For one week in August 2026, there is the ability for stations located in Massachusetts to operate as W1AW/1. ARRL membership is not required. The dates are August 12-21.

August 14th & 15th will be an SSB operation from the New England HamXposition in Marlboro. They will have precedence in choosing the band and mode (probably SSB) for a block of time. We are looking for ops that can get on multiple times during this week, from your club, home, mobile or portable stations and work stations that will be hunting you. Your transmitter MUST be in Massachusetts.

Modes that can be operated are:

- SSB
- CW
- Digital
- Satellite

ALL Logging MUST be done with computer logging that can export in ADIF format. The log will be sent to me once your operating has completed.

All volunteers will need to work together and share operating times with the team of ops. There will be an operation guide emailed a few weeks before the operating week to all volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact:
Larry Krainson, W1AST FunHamRadio@gmail.co

--de Jon W McCombie, N1ILZ
ARRL Eastern Massachusetts Section Manager
n1ilz@arrl.org

HamX draws nearly 1,800 attendees from across the region and beyond each year — and for good reason. Here's what your members can look forward to:

🎩 **THURSDAY NIGHT: MAGIC SHOW**
Kick things off Thursday evening with a performance by Jack Miller, whose brand of close-up and parlor magic has been described as "Gomez Addams meets Wile E. Coyote." Jack's whimsical, chaotic style delivers equal parts smiles, laughs, and genuine gasps — a perfect way to start the convention on a fun and memorable note.

🔬 **SATURDAY KEYNOTE: Everton Henriques, KD2ZZT**
Everton is a technology teacher at Staten Island Technical High School who has woven amateur radio into his engineering classroom in creative and inspiring ways. A graduate of two levels of the ARRL Teacher's Institute and co-founder of his school's ham radio club WS1THS, Everton's passion for getting students licensed and on the air is contagious. His keynote is sure to leave you energized about the future of our hobby.

🏆 **FRIDAY DX/CONTEST BANQUET: Max Freedman, N4ML**
Max was first licensed at age 12 and has wasted no time making his mark. He's a 2026 WRTC competitor, DXpeditioner (including the rare 3Y0K Bouvet Island activation), active contester, and member of YCCC, NCDXF, INDEXA, and the Caribbean Contesting Consortium — and he's still in his early twenties. Max has turned his passion into his profession, working full-time at the ARRL's Education and Learning Department. A rising star in every sense.

🌟 **SATURDAY GRAND BANQUET: Katie Campbell, KE8LQR**
Katie was licensed at age ten and has since become one of the most impressive young operators in the country. An active CW operator, contester, member of the North Coast Contesters and Bavarian Contest Club, former youth instructor for the Long Island CW Club, and Youth on the Air PR manager for the Americas — Katie brings an extraordinary breadth of experience and enthusiasm to everything she does. She's heading off to college this fall, and the future of amateur radio couldn't be in better hands.

📺 **OUTSTANDING SESSIONS & FORUMS**
HamX is known for the sheer number and quality of its educational sessions, covering:

- Antennas & Propagation
- Emergency Communications & EMCOM/ARES
- Contesting & DXing
- VHF/UHF/Microwave & Mesh Networking
- POTA, SOTA & On-The-Air Activities
- Technology, SDR & AI in Amateur Radio
- STEM & Youth Outreach
- Club Management (dedicated "Club Track")
- SKYWARN & Public Service
- NEQRP Symposium, Open Mic Story Hour, YL Meet & Greet, and much more

License exam sessions are also available for those working toward upgrades.

🛒 **INDOOR FLEA MARKET & VENDOR EXHIBITS**
Browse a wide selection of equipment, accessories, antennas, cables, test gear, and hard-to-find parts from top vendors.

?? PRIZES
HamX features an ARRL-sanctioned prize program with exciting drawings at each banquet and the Sunday Closing Ceremonies.

This year's convention is especially significant as the official 2026 ARRL New England Division Convention — the premier amateur radio gathering in our region.

We encourage you to forward this message to your full membership, post it on your club's website or reflector, and mention it at your next meeting. Full details and ticketing are at https://hamxposition.org.

We look forward to seeing you on the air and in Marlborough this August!

73,
Ken Miller – WB1DX
HamX Marketing Team Member

And an Additional Note, for BARS Members Who Are Also Members of MMRA:
Please consider spending a few hours at HamX helping represent MMRA at the event!
There are several opportunities to volunteer:

- Monitor talk-in radio frequencies and respond from your shack
- Help set up the MMRA booth
- Greet visitors to the MMRA booth & talk about ham radio
- Help the VE team run testing sessions
- Board Members: Sell raffle tickets & memberships at the MMRA booth

Use the following link to sign up:
https://volunteersignup.org/AMRCJ?classic

Looking forward to seeing you there!
--de David Kula, N1VZ

Upgrading Your License? Here's a Resource
If you are thinking of upgrading your license, I recommend that you use HamStudy.org for your practice exams because their practice exams use the same software, that is used to create online exams and BARS in-person exams. With HamStudy.org practice tests you should use a touch screen or keyboard to select the answer, A, B, C, or D.

A mouse is not allowed for in-person or online exams.

--de Bruce Anderson, W1LUS

Making ZOOM available to Elmers
For a number of years, we have been using Zoom for our monthly club meetings. I have been thinking that Elmers could also be using Zoom to coach new hams instead of actually going to visit with them. Elmers could perhaps help with programming a new radio with the new ham sharing their computer screen and the Elmer helping to walk them through the process. An Elmer could have Zoom on their cell phone and show a new ham how their shack was set up. Use your imagination and see how you might use this tool. If you would like to use Zoom for this, contact Bruce, W1LUS@hotmail.com, with a date and a time and a meeting will be setup for you. You may also contact Bruce if you would like training in using Zoom to Elmer someone.

--de Bruce Anderson, W1LUS

Friday and Sunday Night CW Slow Speed Contest
Every Friday and Sunday night, there is a weekly slow-speed CW contest run by the local K1USN guys. This is a good way to polish up your CW skills. See http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html for details. Currently, the schedule is:

Fridays 20:00-21:00 UTC (3-4pm EST) and
Mondays 00:00-01:00 UTC (7-8pm EST Sunday).

-- de Tom Walsh, K1TW

Another recurring event:
Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) Weekend Sprintathon – the Saturday following the 6th of every month at 1200 UTC
http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon

BARS Membership

Our current combined membership is 139, with 35 that haven't renewed their membership for 2026. Reminder: if your dues are not paid up, you will not be able to vote at the November meeting.

Anyone with a question about their renewal status can email me at W1LUS@hotmail.com to get your current membership status.

from Bruce Anderson, W1LUS, Treasurer

Secretary's Report for July 2026

Doug called The July (virtual) meeting to order at 1900 EDT. As usual, the audio feed from the hall was difficult to copy. [We really need to ensure that all present silence their cell phones if they are logging into the Zoom feed.]

Club business:

- The club spent only $90 on FD, thanks to Nan doing the catering.
- The August meeting will also be Zoom only. We will resume hybrid meetings in September.

The program started at 1905 and ended at 2005.

We adjourned at 2015.

There were 11 participants attending via zoom.

Treasurer's Report for August 2026

Reminder: 2026 Dues are due starting January 1, 2026. BARS Dues are from January 1 to December 31. Dues for 2026 will remain at $15. Dues can be paid several ways:

- via bank-to-bank transfer with Zelle, Venmo, PayPal, etc. by sending $15 to bars.dues@outlook.com,
- with credit card by using the Join/Renewal membership form on the W1HH.org website,
- or with cash or check by mailing $15 to Billerica ARS, 16 Regis Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876

In July we had one renewal for $15 income. Our expenses were Zoom $18.05, Field Day gas, food and drinks $87.28, BARS Liability Insurance was $200, PayPal charged a $1.01 fee. We now have $649.15 in the bank and $1459.62 in our PayPal account for a total of $2108.77.

Bruce Anderson, W1LUS

June Get-on-the-Air Suggestions from Andy Wallace, KA1GTT

KA1GTT Andy Wallace here. I am offering my input for this month's Get on the Air column. These are contests which can be on HF or VHF/UHF, and may be SSB (voice), CW (Morse code) or digital (FT8, etc.) modes. If you are a beginner, contests can still be a lot of fun. Most of the time the rules expect you to submit electronic logs of your activity, but I know hams who simply want to exchange QSLs for confirmation.

Contests can be frantic - rapid exchanges (what info the stations pass back and forth) and careful rules of engagement. But others are more casual. It always helps to tune in stations and listen to the exchange and get a feel for the methods.

One of the best resources for finding out what contests are upcoming is the WA7BNM website and his 8-day contest calendar at:
https://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php
This gives a snapshot of the next 8 days, and you can instantly see what contests are longer term (like across weekends) and thus more popular.

The 12-month calendar is excellent for getting a snapshot of an entire month in advance. Surprisingly, I find it has more contests listed than the "Perpetual" site view. The 12 month is what I used to compile this month's hot contests:
https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.php

Of note: contests are listed in UTC (Coordinated Universal Time or Greenwich Mean Time or Zulu) day and date. This is the time going through the 0° meridian (Greenwich, U.K.). If you are new to ham radio, you need to know hams historically use UTC to align with hams around the world in a way that being on the air at a certain time is simple. We're in Eastern Daylight Time right now, so that means UTC is 4 hours ahead of us. 0000Z being midnight Zulu/UTC/GMT translates to 8:00 PM EST. So, for a typical contest, the start of the contest is 00:01UTC November 7 (Saturday). Subtract five hours and you better have your rig ready at 8:01PM EST Friday evening.

Here is KA1GTT's list of top contests for this month - and please remember these are best guesses on my part.

1. **North American QSO Party, CW ****
   https://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf
   1800Z, Aug 1 to 0559Z, Aug 2, 2026
   Exchange: NA: Name + (state/DC/province/country)

2. 10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB
   https://www.ten-ten.org/qso-party-rules/
   0001Z, Aug 1 to 2359Z, Aug 2, 2026
   Exchange: 10-10 Member: Name + 10-10 number + (state/province/country)
   Non-Member: Name + 0 + (state/province/country)

3. ARRL EME Contest
   https://www.arrl.org/eme-contest
   2.3 GHz and Up: 0000Z, Aug 8 to 2359Z, Aug 9, 2026
   Exchange: 4-character grid square (standard signal report acceptable for analog modes if grid square not possible)

4. Maryland-DC QSO Party
   https://www.w3vpr.org/Maryland-DC_QSO_Party
   1400Z, Aug 8 to 0400Z, Aug 9, 2026
   Exchange: non-MDC: (state/province/country)

5. Kentucky State Parks on the Air
   https://k4msu.com/kypota/
   1400Z-2200Z, Aug 8, 2026
   Exchange: W/VE: (state/province)

6. **North American QSO Party, SSB ****
   https://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf
   1800Z, Aug 15 to 0559Z, Aug 16, 2026
   Exchange: NA: Name + (state/DC/province/country)

7. ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY
   https://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup
   1800Z-2359Z, Aug 16, 2026
   Exchange:
   NA: Name + 2-digit year first licensed + (state/province/XE area/DX)

8. Hawaii QSO Party
   http://www.hawaiiqsoparty.org/
   1600Z, Aug 22 to 0200Z, Aug 24, 2026
   Exchange (non-HI W/VE): RS(T) + (state/province)

9. Ohio QSO Party
   http://www.ohqp.org/index.php/rules/
   1600Z, Aug 22 to 0400Z, Aug 23, 2026
   Exchange: non-OH: RS(T) + (state/province/"DX")

10. U.S. Islands QSO Party
    http://usislands.org/qso-party-rules/
    1200Z, Aug 29 to 0300Z, Aug 30, 2026
    Exchange: Non-Islands: RS(T) + (state/province/country)(see rules for digital)

11. World Wide Digi DX Contest
    https://ww-digi.com/
    1200Z, Aug 29 to 1200Z, Aug 30, 2026
    Exchange:
    4-character grid square

12. Kansas QSO Party
    https://ksqsoparty.org/rules/KSQPRules2025.pdf?1
    1400Z, Aug 29 to 0200Z, Aug 30 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 30, 2026
    Exchange: non-KS: RS(T) + (state/province/"DX")

**** Top recommendation for this month**

Reminder: details on each of these contests above – and more events – can be found every week on the WA7BNM contest calendar at:
https://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php?mode=custom&week=current

Final comment:
Well, the season is heating up with lots of August contests! We have state contests for OH, KS, HI, KY, MD/DC and even U.S. Islands! We have an EME contest - there's at least one BARS member who has done that sort of thing - and a couple digital ones. The BIG ONES this month are the North American QSO Parties in both CW and SSB. And a rookie RTTY contest if you want to get your feet wet in that historic mode. And also the 10-10 contest which is exclusively for 28 MHz by one of the longtime ten meter clubs out there. So, GET ON THE AIR inside the A/C and enjoy! Andy, KA1GTT

If you get on and enjoy operating one of these events, please send an email to the BARS email reflector, bars@w1hh.org.

BARS Does breakfast every Saturday.

On Saturday mornings at 8:15AM, we meet for a casual, social breakfast at Stelio's restaurant in Billerica.
Stelio's Family Restaurant, Billerica, MA

BARS Needs You!!!

We are looking for a few good hams to act as net control on the regularly scheduled Wednesday night nets! All it takes is one night a month; if you are interested contact Doug, N1WRN.

Also, the club needs volunteers for light tasks of about 1 hour a month. Are you able to pitch in? Contact Doug Bruce, N1WRN.

Wednesday Night Net

Join us on the Billerica 147.120 Repeater for the weekly BARS net each Wednesday at 8:00 PM (**except on the first Wednesday of the month which is club meeting night**).

Repeater info:
W1DC
147.12 MHz
+600 kHz (normal) offset
Encode CTCSS 146.2 Hz

The W1DC Site
Photo courtesy of Dwight Doane
annotations by Bob DeMattia, K1IW.

Reminder: "kerchunking" the repeater is not only impolite, it's illegal. It constitutes an unidentified transmission. If you need to check that you're making the repeater, say something like "This is <your call> standing by on the frequency." Thanks for your courtesy.

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held in person (weather permitting) and via Zoom. ***[The July and August meetings will be Zoom only. – ed.]*** A link will be sent via the BARS email reflector to all currently paid-up members who might wish to attend via Zoom.

Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM Eastern time.

VE Sessions

Our VE sessions are held in-person at the Chelmsford Bible Church. Pre-registration for our in-person exams is suggested. Contact w1lus@hotmail.com for registration information.

VE sessions are held every month on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 PM at Chelmsford Bible Church, 128 Gorham St., Chelmsford MA. Park in back and enter by rear door. Chelmsford Bible Church Hall, 128 Gorham St, Rear Door, Chelmsford MA 01824-3220 (map)

VE Session Report for August 2026
We had one person show up for the July 19th VE exam session. Result was one new Technician, Michael, KC1ZBT. Be sure to say hello if you hear him on the air.

Thanks to Gary, W1GFF, Wayne, KC1ONM, Peter, N1ALO, Shawn, N1CVO, Niece, KA1ULN, and Bill, WZ1L, for their help conducting this exam session.

Our next exam session will be on September 10 at 7:00 PM. At the Chelmsford Bible Church.

The August VE exam session has been canceled.

While walk-ins are always welcome it speeds the process up if you pre-register for your BARS VE exam session at HamStudy.org.

--de Bruce Anderson, W1LUS

Future Meetings

The next BARS General Meeting will be held via Zoom on August 5th at 7:00 PM. A Zoom link will be sent in the club email feed prior to the meeting.

Subscribe to the BARS Mailing List

To subscribe to the BARS email list, send a blank email to bars-subscribe@w1hh.org and watch for an automated reply. Note that bars-subscribe is all one word.

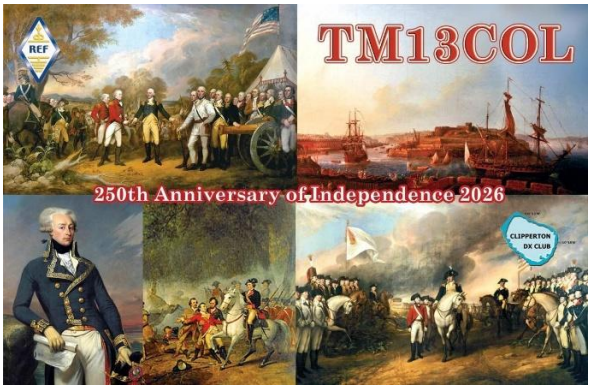
Reply to that message from the list server and you are then subscribed.

To post to the list, address your email to bars@w1hh.org

Photo Feature: From the Mailbag

In July of this year, we celebrated the 250th 'birthday' of these United States. July also brings the annual 13 Colonies event which occurs on the first week of July. (I was one of the operators activating the MA event station K2H.) Most of the individual state activating stations recognized this milestone with special QSL cards. I didn't manage a 'clean sweep' this year, so I gathered up the card images from the individual state websites. Delaware (K2E) and Georgia (K2G) have not publicly posted their card designs so they are missing from this collection.

For those of you that requested K2H cards we are holding a QSL stuffing party on Aug. 9th. You should receive them within the following week.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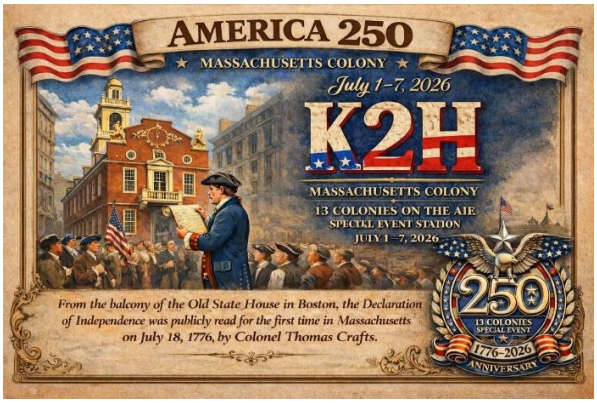
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13 COLONIES ON THE AIR
SPECIAL EVENT STATION
JULY 1 – 7, 2026
From the balcony of the Old State House in Boston, the Declaration of Independence was publicly read for the first time in Massachusetts on July 18, 1776, by Colonel Thomas Crafts.
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13 COLONIES SPECIAL EVENT
1776-2026
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Where Independence Began
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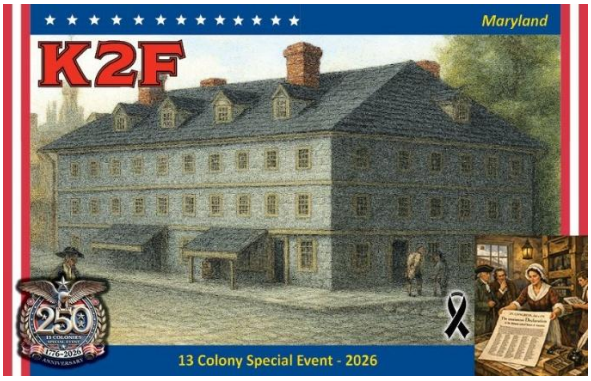
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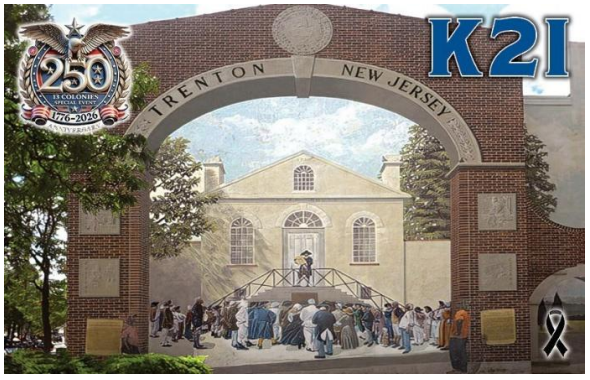
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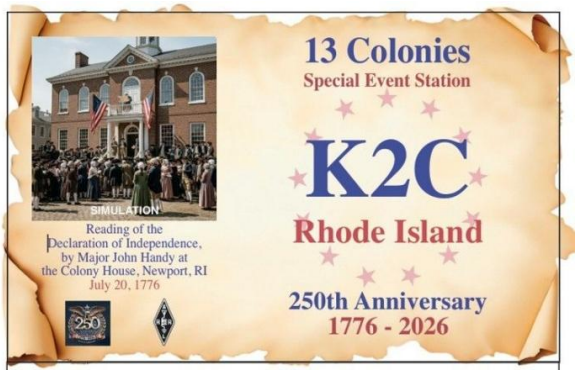
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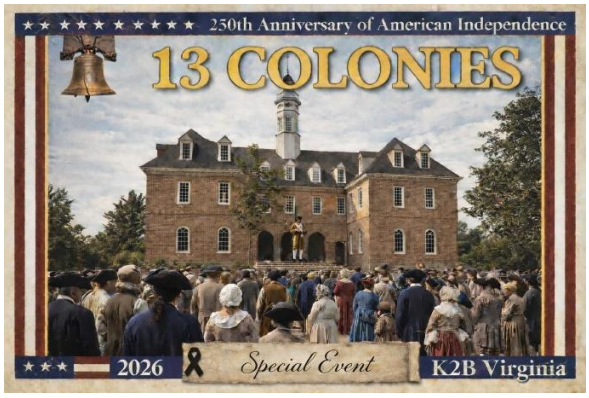

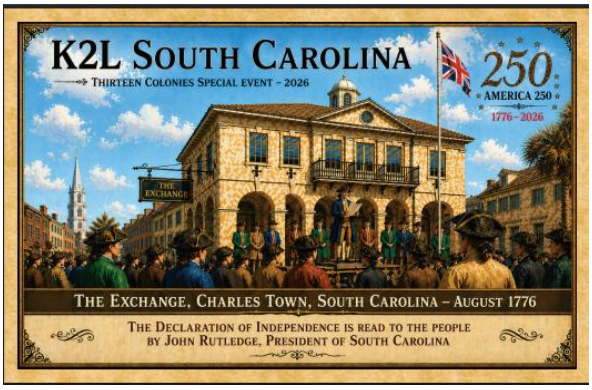
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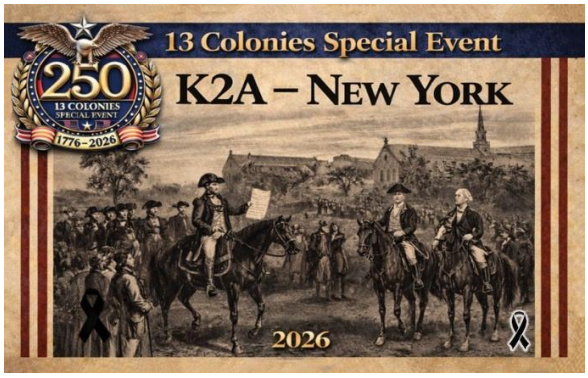

THE 13 COLONIES SPECIAL EVENT
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On July 16, 1776, in Exeter, New Hampshire's revolutionary capital, 22 year old John Taylor Gilman publicly read the Declaration of Independence, sparking celebration among residents.
New Hampshire

Show Me Your Cards! I would like to highlight cards from our club members. Send me a scan of your card or just mail one to me. Or bring one to the next club meeting and I'll collect them. Thanks!

As always, if you have received any interesting cards, hand-drawn or not, please send them along to k1dc.radio@gmail.com and I'll share them with the group!

73, Tim/K1DC

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